GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES IN A & N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the village in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been electrified;

(b) if not, the number of villages still unelectrified in the Islands; and

(c) the time by which these villages are likely to be electrified?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : As reported by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), out of a total of 501 numbers of inhabited villages as per 2001 Census in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 325 numbers of villages have been electrified leaving a balance of 176 numbers of un-electrified villages. Out of this -

- 89 numbers of villages require no electrification as these are either un-inhabited or encroached forest areas.

- 72 villages in Nicobar district washed away during Tsunami in December, 2004. Population of these villages is accommodated in temporary shelters which are fully electrified.

Permanent houses are under construction at 70 locations under TRP and these are expected to be electrified by June, 2009 after restoration and revival of power supply system by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL).

Balance 15 numbers are to be electrified. These remote/isolated villages are programmed for electrification by Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Home Lighting System by 2007-08.